Linking villages by roads

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target to link all villages having a population of 1000 people, by constructing roads in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the number of such villages in the country and by when these would be linked by roads;

(c) the length-wise details of rural roads targeted to be constructed in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09; and

(d) the total kilometres of the rural roads constructed during 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The target is to connect all unconnected habitations having a population of 1000 or more as per the PMGSY (Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana) Programme Guidelines.

(b) Under Bharat Nirman (Rural Roads Component), a total of 40436 habitations with population of 1000 or more are targeted to be connected by all weather road by 2009.

(c) Length-wise details of rural roads targeted to be constructed under 'Bharat Nirman (Rural Roads Component)' during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as under:—

Year	Targets for new connectivity in km.	Targets for upgradation in km,.
2006-07	35182	54669
2007-08	43990	59316
2008-09	51521	68751

(d) Construction of 30710.44 kms. of road was completed under the PMGSY during 2006-07.

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